

**BLS Certification Test Committee  
Richmond, Virginia  
9/19/06  
1300**

| <b>Members Present:</b>   | <b>Members Absent:</b> | <b>Staff:</b>  | <b>Others:</b> |
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| <b>Jeff Reynolds</b><br><b>Mel Losick</b><br><b>Kathy Eubank</b><br><b>Tom Olander</b><br><b>Steve Wade</b><br><b>Debbie Akers</b><br><b>Helen Nelson</b><br><b>PJ Fleenor</b><br><b>Diane Hutchinson</b> | <b>Dreama Chandler</b> | <b>Greg Neiman</b><br><b>Warren Short</b><br><b>Chad Blosser</b> |                |

| <b>Topic/Subject</b>                      | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b> |
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| <b>I. Welcome</b>                         | The Meeting was called to order at 1315   |  |
| <b>II. Introductions</b>                  | The Committee Members introduced themselves   |  |
| <b>III. Charge</b>                        | The Committee was given the "Charge to the Committee" document which was followed by discussion. (Attachment A)   |  |
| <b>IV. General Discussion &amp; Ideas</b> | <p>The Committee members went around the table expressing their feelings and ideas regarding the current EMT-Basic Practical exam. Comments from the committee included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Question whether we need to continue AED/CPR – Discussion on both sides.</li> <li>2) Place AED/CPR into the Medical Station as an option.</li> <li>3) Feel we need some type of process to evaluate practical outside of Instructor/course.</li> <li>4) The Practical is closely related to the evaluator process.</li> <li>5) Consider replacing AED/CPR with an Airway station.</li> </ol> |  |

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|                                    | 6) The Trauma and Medical stations are meeting the needs of system.<br>7) We should consider a combination of skill and scenarios.<br>8) Add a Random skill(s) station and scenarios.<br>9) Question the cost of the Practical examination, is it an appropriate use of resources?<br>10) If we want to evaluate CPR, we should use some of the better devices out there.<br>11) Change evaluation sheets to better reflect critical criteria instead of general checksheet.<br>12) Is the grievance process adequate, should we return to giving results at test sites?<br>13) Patient should be trained as an evaluator so they contribute to the evaluation.<br>14) Subjectivity is too great with the current process.<br>15) Consider evaluating 1 student at a time instead of 2 together.<br>16) Should we continue to use imaginary EMT in Trauma station or make them a live person? |   |
|                                    | The Committee then discussed needing more information. They designed a survey to be posted on Zoomerang to collect information from across the state. (Attachment B)  |   |
| <b>V. Assignments</b>              | The Committee tasked the Office to complete three assignments for the next meeting:   | Collect OEMS Success Rates on Practical Exams.<br>What are other States doing for Basic Practical Exams? Distribute Survey to 49 states & DC to collect information.<br>Consider establishing a Scenario Review Committee to fix current scenarios. |
| <b>VI. Establish Meeting Dates</b> | Wednesday, November 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am  |   |
| <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>              | None  |   |
| <b>Adjournment</b>                 | Adjourn at 1630.  |   |

# **BLS Certification Test Committee Ad-hoc PDC Sub-committee**

**Charge:** The **BLS Certification Test Committee** is charged with investigating the practical certification examination and submits recommendations to PDC about the practical certification examination.

## BLS Certification Test Committee Survey

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.



The following survey is being conducted by BLS Certification Test Committee which is an ad-hoc committee of the Professional Development Committee. In their quest to improve BLS practical testing process in the Commonwealth of Virginia they are asking that you complete this brief survey which should take no longer than 1 minute of your time.

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Please complete the following survey by October 31, 2006.

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\*The state has established a BLS Certification Test Committee which is charged with investigating the practical certification examination. In order to assist this committee with their charge, please rank each item against the others, (i.e. If you chose between the options which would you choose first, which would you choose second... etc.) in order of preference with 1 being the most preferred and 5 being least.

1 2 3 4 5

Remain scenario based



Test individual skills



Test combination of random skills and scenarios



Computerized simulation testing



Other



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List any other ideas or suggestions you have about BLS practical testing.



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